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1. SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES TO DRAW PUBLIC'S ATTENTION TO SHOOTING INCIDENT AT UKRAINIAN MISSION AND RELATED JDL ACTIVITIES. PRAVDA JANUARY 30 CARRIES KURDYUMOV STORY FROM NEW YORK REPORTING UNANIMOUS CONDEMNATION OF SHOOTING INCIDENT IN UN HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND COMPLAINT OF EGYPTIAN REP RE ATTACK ON HIS MISSION. KURDYUMOV CONCLUDES ON SLIGHTLY MORE POSITIVE NOTE BY QUOTING USSR AND UKSSR REPS AS "TAKING NOTE" OF AMBASSADOR WHITE'S ASSURANCES IN COMMITTEE (REFTEL.

2. LITERARY GAZETTE JANUARY 29, UNDER HEADING "BULLETS AND CHILDREN," PRINTS FEATURE-STYLE STORY BY GERASIMOV ALLEGING THAT TWO CHILDREN WERE PLAYING IN ROOM NEXT TO ONE WHERE BULLET STRUCK. SHOOTING IS LINKED TO JDL DEMONSTRATIONS AND ANONYMOUS CALL TO UPI REPORTING SHOTS AND REPEATING ZIONIST SLOGANS.

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GERASIMOV NOTES KAHANE'S ARREST AND FACT THAT, AS

AFTER HIS CONVICTION IN 1971 FOR MANUFACTURE AND
POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES, HE WAS RELEASED TO RESUME
STROLLING ABOUT NEW YORK.

3. HARSHTEST TONE IS STRUCK IN TASS STORY
HEADED "CRIME WITHOUT PUNISHMENT" IN JANUARY 26 RED STAR.
IT LISTS SERIES OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS ATTRIBUTED TO
JDL SINCE 1969 AND ASKS RHETORICALLY HOW AMERICAN
AUTHORITIES REACT TO ALL THIS. PRACTICALLY NOT AT
ALL, ACCORDING TO TASS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE GENEROUS WITH
REMONSTRATIONS AND PROMISES TO INVESTIGATE AND PUNISH
THE CRIMINALS. KAHANE'S ONLY PRISON SENTENCE
(FOR 5 YEARS) WAS SUSPENDED AND DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH
HIS COMMITTING MORE AND MORE NEW CRIMES LIKE THAT OF
JANUARY 19. STORY CONCLUDES THAT TERRORISTIC ACTIVITY
OF JDL IS AROUSING GROWING PROTEST AND OUTRAGE AMONG
WIDE CIRCLES OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.
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